Aura Biosciences to Present Phase 2 Safety Data Evaluating Suprachoroidal Administration of Belzupacap Sarotalocan (AU-011) in Patients with Choroidal Melanoma at the ESMO 2022 Congress

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep. 7, 2022-- Aura Biosciences Inc. (NASDAQ: AURA), a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing a novel class of virus-like drug conjugate (VDC) therapies for multiple oncology indications, today announced that Phase 2 data evaluating the safety of suprachoroidal administration using its first VDC product candidate, belzupacap sarotalocan (AU-011), for the first-line treatment of patients with early-stage choroidal melanoma (indeterminate lesions and small choroidal melanoma (IL/CM)) will be presented at the ESMO 2022 Congress, being held September 9-13, 2022, in Paris, France.

Details for ESMO 2022 poster presentation:

Title: A Phase 2 Trial of AU-011, an Investigational, Virus-Like Drug Conjugate (VDC) for the Treatment of Primary Indeterminate Lesions and Small Choroidal Melanoma (IL/CM) using Suprachoroidal Administration
Presenter: Hakan Demirci, University of Michigan
Session: Melanoma and Other Skin Tumors
Presentation #: 842P
Date/Time: Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 2:15 p.m. CEST

The presentation will be available on the “Scientific Presentations” section of “VDC Platform” page of the Aura Biosciences website on Saturday, September 10, 2022.

About Aura Biosciences

Aura Biosciences, Inc. is a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing virus-like drug conjugates (VDCs), a novel class of therapies, for the treatment of multiple oncology indications. Aura’s lead VDC candidate, belzupacap sarotalocan (AU-011), consists of a virus-like particle conjugated with an anti-cancer agent. Belzupacap sarotalocan selectively targets and destroys cancer cells and activates the immune system with the potential to create long-lasting anti-tumor immunity. Belzupacap sarotalocan is currently in development for ocular cancers, with an ongoing Phase 2 dose escalation clinical trial evaluating first-line treatment of choroidal melanoma, a vision- and life-threatening form of eye cancer where standard of care with radiotherapy leaves patients with severe comorbidities, including major vision loss. Aura plans to develop belzupacap sarotalocan across its ocular oncology franchise including for the treatment of patients with choroidal metastases. In addition, leveraging Aura’s technology platform, Aura is developing belzupacap sarotalocan more broadly across multiple cancers, starting with a planned Phase 1 clinical trial in patients with non-muscle invasive bladder cancer. Aura is headquartered in Cambridge, MA.

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